

## JURY TAKES BONINE CASE TOMORROW.

The Government Will Close Argument.

APPEALS OF THE DEFENCE.

Eloquent Address By Defendant's Attorneys.

BITTER DENUNCIATION OF A WITNESS.

Ayres' Friend, Burns, Castigated by the Counsel For the Prisoner. His Actions Following the Tragedy Criticized.

The Bonine case will go to the jury tomorrow, probably, after the noon recess, unless United States Attorney Gould's closing argument in the case is remarkably brief.

The argument for the defence closed today. Mr. Fulton resumed his address to the jury this morning and concluded just before the noon recess.

This afternoon Mr. Douglass spoke, and upon his conclusion court will adjourn until tomorrow morning, when Mr. Gould will speak.

The judge's charge to the jury will follow. This may take up as much time as the address of Mr. Gould, for it is believed that the judge will treat exhaustively of the law and the evidence in the case.

Then the fate of Mrs. Bonine will rest with the twelve men of the jury.

**Court Room Crowded.**  
Every seat, and all the available standing room, in Criminal Court No. 1 was occupied this morning when the trial was resumed. Mr. Fulton, of counsel for the defence, resumed his argument, which was interrupted yesterday by the adjournment of the court. He made an impassioned appeal for the acquittal of his client, asserting that on the night of the Ayres tragedy, she acted as any woman would whose honor was menaced by an armed man.

**Confident of Acquittal.**  
The lawyers for the defence yesterday declared themselves, when Mr. Fulton told the jury Mrs. Bonine was guilty of murder or nothing. They disclaimed the idea of any compromise on manslaughter.

If there is any faith to be put in the opinion of prominent criminal lawyers, who have watched the trial with interest, Mrs. Bonine will be acquitted. They declare the only evidence on which the Government indicted the accused was her own statement, and that today it stands as an instrument of evidence in her own behalf, unimpaired by the prosecution.

**Discussed Ayres' Life.**  
Mr. Fulton this morning went into a lengthy description of Ayres' life and his study of medicine. He spoke of the great interest evinced by Mrs. Bonine in the social functions at the Kenmore, particularly the weekly dances, and of how she endeavored to attract to them the young men at the hotel, who came from other cities. Her desire, Mr. Fulton said, was to prevent them from wandering into paths of vice.

**Not One Against Her.**  
The speaker said that out of the 150 guests in the house who had known her for two years, not one said a word against her.

"And the Government has had six months to find out their opinion of her," continued Mr. Fulton. "Have any of the 150 declared Mrs. Bonine the cold-blooded monster the prosecution would make her?"

"No! No! No!" repeated Mr. Fulton at the top of his voice.

"She it was who first responded to a sick call in that hotel. Was it her duty? No! but she was impelled by the mercy which has filled her whole life. Mrs. Bonine was a ministering angel."

**Too Quick to Condemn.**  
"We are sometimes too quick to condemn women who go to men's rooms. We stand them in the market place, branded with a scarlet letter. If my boy should go from home and some woman take an interest in him, would I charge her with a lustful purpose? God forbid, and the lawyer's voice quivered with emotion."

"When a man's suffering, this thing called discretion cuts no figure. And those who accuse her of impure motives forget him who said 'Be kind to those who are suffering.'"

"Do you remember the Master meeting the outcast woman at the well? The rabble, who saw the meeting, would have criticised Christ for his sympathy, and met with His noble rebuke."

**The Alleged Quarrel.**  
As to the reported quarrel between Ayres and Mrs. Bonine, Mr. Fulton said the defendant had spoken twice to Ayres about his drinking, and on the last occasion the deceased became offended.

"The Government takes advantage of this misunderstanding to say 'then the relations between Mrs. Bonine and Ayres were broken,'" said Mr. Fulton. "Her relations with Ayres did not differ from her attitude toward any other man in the house, and the Government has not produced a scintilla of proof to the contrary."

When Ayres was spoken to by Mrs. Bonine, he got mad. This man from Michigan thought he was above reproach. Here is the way Ayres argued: "What if I do make a debauch of myself? What business is it of hers? Let her mind her own affairs 'that was Ayres' disposition in the matter gentlemen."

The Government takes a very peculiar position here. It says variously that



Mr. Taggart Making the First Argument for the Government in the Bonine Trial.

## SUBSIDY BILL REFERRED.

Now in the Hands of a Senate Subcommittee.

The first meeting of the Senate Committee on Commerce, of which Senator Frye is chairman, was held this morning. The committee organized by the appointment of sub-committees and the adoption of the rules of last session.

Mr. Frye's Ship Subsidy bill was referred to a sub-committee composed of Senators Frye, Elihu, Hanna, Depew, Jones, Turner, and Martin. These gentlemen constituted the sub-committee which had in charge the last subsidy measure.

Senator Vest, who has heretofore been in charge of all bills introduced in the Senate to bridge navigable rivers, asked to be relieved from the chairmanship of this committee on account of his health and Senator Berry of Arkansas was appointed in his place.

The next meeting of the committee will take place Thursday, December 13.

## THE PRESIDENT'S SELECTIONS.

Nominations Forwarded to the Senate for Confirmation.

The President today sent to the Senate a number of nominations, which are reappointments.

Among them are those of Charles A. Prouty, of Vermont, to be an Interstate Commerce Commissioner; Reuben D. Hill, to be United States Attorney for the Western district of Kentucky; the chief justice of the Supreme Courts of New Mexico and Oklahoma; several of the associate justices in New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma; the United States attorneys for the Central and Southern districts of the Indian Territory; the United States marshal for Oklahoma, and judge for Southern district of the Indian Territory.

President Roosevelt also sent in several army nominations, among which was that of Major F. Henry Kay, of the Eighth Infantry, to be a lieutenant colonel.

## FRATERNITY MEN VISIT MR. LONG.

RECEIVED AT NAVY DEPARTMENT

Delta Kappa Epsilon Delegates Elect Officers and Get Down to Business—A Theatre Party Tonight.

The entire 250 members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity now holding its annual convention in the New Willard Hotel were received by Secretary Long at the Navy Department this morning at 11 o'clock. Secretary Long is a member of the fraternity.

After the reception, the delegates assembled on the north steps of the State, War and Navy Building to be photographed.

## A Business Session.

The meeting this morning was the first business session of the convention. It was called to order at 10:30 and the committee on procedure, credentials and nominations were appointed.

The members of the nominating committee are: E. W. Kohratt, A. A. Boylan, Henry F. Hart, and D. C. Webb. The committee on credentials consisted of George M. Faris, A. E. Foss, A. C. Sheldon, and M. H. Brown, and the committee on procedure of Robert J. Gaff, Elbert Johnson, R. A. Ford, G. R. Wales, and F. L. Slay.

Virginia Danby, of the University of Virginia, was elected temporary chairman, and R. J. McKenny, University of Minnesota, and Ralph U. Kellan, University of Pennsylvania, temporary secretaries.

## Afternoon Session.

At the afternoon session which convened at 1:30, the work of permanent organization for this convention was completed. The reports of the credential and nominating committees were submitted.

George Harrington, of Columbia University Law School, was elected permanent president, and the temporary secretaries were made permanent.

The plans for this evening include a theatre party, when the whole body will go to the Columbia.

## Senator Sewell Recovering.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 12.—General Sewell slept last night and is stronger this morning than at any time since his return home. Dr. Taylor says he looks for steady improvement of his patient.

## Bureau of Mines and Quarries.

Representative Gibson has introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the purpose of establishing a bureau of mines and quarries, to be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Labor.

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## REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Annual Parade of Police and Firemen.

## TWO FINE TROPHIES AWARDED.

Ninth Precinct Wins the Wight Flag—Mr. Macfarland's Gift Awarded to Engine Company No. 11.

The awarding of the Wight prize police flag to Lieutenant John C. Daley and the men of the Ninth precinct under his command was the feature of the ceremonies attending the annual parade of the Police and Fire Departments of the city today.

The parade is one of the most successful that has ever been held. From the reviewing stand in front of the White House President Roosevelt, the Commissioners of the District, and a large party of guests watched the passing firemen and policemen.

Following the parade several of the reserve companies of the fire department gave an exhibition run in front of the stand which was watched with interest by the large crowd that had assembled in the vicinity.

## Beginning of Ceremonies.

The ceremonies began promptly at 2:30 o'clock. Previous to this, the police had assembled along Pennsylvania Avenue with the head of the line resting at Ninth Street. They were formed by precincts, and made a most excellent showing.

The firemen were also early in place. Their column formed on K Street, near Seventeenth Street, about 1:30 o'clock, and half an hour afterward proceeded by way of Twenty-first Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, whence they proceeded east until the head of the line rested at Twentieth Street.

It was but a little after the hour set when Major Sylvester was joined by the Commissioners and lined up at the corner of Nineteenth Street.

## Surrender of Trophy.

Lieutenant Moore was then called upon to surrender the flag, which his men in the Sixth precinct had previously won, and which for a year they had guarded. Following this action, the suspension of the men was well depicted upon their faces as no intimation had been received as to which had been the successful precinct.

The announcement of the winner was the signal for a hearty shout from the friends of the command who happened to be in the vicinity and with flashing cheeks Lieutenant Daley marched his standard-bearers to the front. The presentation speech was made by Commissioner Ross, who is in direct control of the affairs of the department.

## Medals for Marksmen.

Following the award of the flag the marksmanship medals were pinned upon the coats of the successful policemen by Major Sylvester, who, in each instance, accompanied the act with appropriate remarks.

Sergeant Samuel Murphy received the sergeant's medal, and D. E. Langley the medal to the best shot among the police of class 2. Both of these men are connected with the Sixth precinct.

The third medal to the officer of class 1 making the best average score, went to Private Dunn, of the Anacostia sub-station. All of the medals are of solid gold and are handsome in design.

The Commissioners proceeded to Twentieth Street, where all of the members of the Fire Department had left their apparatus and formed about the outfit of the company to which the flag was to be presented. It had previously been returned to Chief Dutton by the foreman of Engine Company No. 5, which has held it for the past year, ever since it was presented to the department by Commissioner Henry B. F. Macfarland.

## Presented by Mr. Macfarland.

Commissioner Macfarland made the presentation speech in this instance, after the men had been ranged up in line, before engine company No. 11, the prize company. It was received by Foreman August Grim, for the company, in a manly manner, and in a few words he replied to the expressions of good-feeling for the department in which the Commissioners had indulged. The other members of the company are Jacob Stutz, assistant foreman; James Moriarty, engineer; M. J. Barry, fireman; W. P. Cady, driver; G. W. Mackintosh, assistant driver; R. J. Griffin, watchman, and A. H. Walter, F. Browne, Earnest Dippler, and R. A. Galpin, privates.

On the completion of these ceremonies, which were simple in character, the Commissioners proceeded to the "Royal Limited."

## The "Royal Limited."

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## Arrival of the Tenthon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Arrived: Tenthon, from Liverpool and Queenstown.

missioners hurried to the reviewing stand and took their places in the seats provided for them.

## The President Appears.

A few moments later President Roosevelt and his party emerged from the White house and proceeded to their seats upon the stand. The line of parade had been cleared, the cars stopped and the space from Fifteenth to Seventeenth Streets in front of the reviewing stand had been roped off. When President Roosevelt took his seat upon the stand Major Sylvester was notified and the parade moved in the following order:

Superintendent, Major Richard Sylvester.

Squad, Capt. Isaac Pearson, Harry L. Gessford, Francis E. Cross, J. E. Heffner.

Mounted Force, Lieut. John Kenney, Commanding.

Bicycle Squad, Sergt. J. A. Durrall, Commanding.

First Precinct Command, Lieut. T. B. Amis.

Second Precinct Command, Lieut. Michael Byrnes.

Third Precinct Command, Lieut. R. B. Boyle.

Fourth Precinct Command, Lieut. L. H. Hollenberger.

Fifth Precinct Command, Lieut. F. F. McCallahan.

Sixth Precinct Command, Lieut. J. A. Swindells.

Seventh Precinct Command, Lieut. J. A. Moore.

Eighth Precinct Command, Lieut. W. W. Jordan.

Ninth Precinct Command, Lieut. J. C. Daley.

Battery, Sergeant Daniel Slattery, Commanding.

Patrol Wagons and House of Detention Van.

J. A. Frank, M. P., Commanding.

Assistant Chief Engineer William T. Bell was in command of the Fire Department, heading the first brigade, and Assistant Chief Wagner heading the Second brigade.

## Run of Reserves.

After the passage of the parade, the run of the fire apparatus that was in reserve in the vicinity of the grounds was made.

No. 12 Engine Company, Foreman H. W. Wright, was the first to give the exhibition run. The hose carriage preceded the engine, which is one of the smallest in service and comparatively light. Then came Truck E, while Acting Assistant Chief Engineer A. J. Sullivan brought up the rear. The exhibition runs were made at high speed and were quite as exciting as an actual answer to the alarm.

## FIRST APPROPRIATION BILL TAKEN UP.

NEEDS OF DISTRICT CONSIDERED.

House Subcommittee Begins Work on Estimates for Maintenance and Improvements of National Capital.

The first of the appropriation bills for this session was taken up for consideration this morning by the District of Columbia Subcommittee of the Appropriation Committee. Those present were Chairman McCleary, Moody, Burkett, Benton, and Pierce.

The committee worked all the morning, devoting itself to the estimates submitted by the District Commissioners.

## To Push the Work.

It is the purpose of Chairman McCleary to push the work on the District bill with all possible speed in order that it may be in shape to present to the full committee early in January.

It is said that the District Commissioners will be asked to appear before the subcommittee early in next week.

## Guesses Not Reliable.

The fact that work on the appropriation bills has begun so early is regarded as an indication that the leaders do not propose to retard the annual budgets, and thus bring about an adjournment sometime in June. However, it is a little premature to guess as to the length of the session.

## MRS. RODNEY LOSES HER SUIT.

Cross-Petition of Husband in Divorce Case Granted.

Justice Hagner this afternoon denied the petition for divorce of Mrs. Margaret E. Rodney vs. Robert Burton Rodney, a retired paymaster of the navy, but granted Mr. Rodney's cross-petition for divorce on statutory grounds.

Mrs. Rodney's home was formerly in Toronto. She boasts a distinguished line of ancestry.

## MISS STONE SEEN.

Sofia Correspondent Says She Was Near Koprivlenkolibi, in Bulgaria.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The "Lokal Anzeiger" Sofia correspondent telegraphs that Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, has been seen alive at Koprivlenkolibi, near Dobruja, Bulgaria.

## Arrival of the Tenthon.

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## NOT A MENACE TO THE CANAL.

Secretary Hay on Maritime Company's Rights.

## NO POWER TO OBSTRUCT PROGRESS.

Opposition in Senate to Hay-Pauncefote Treaty Likely, However, to Cause Delay if Not Necessitate Amendments.

Acting under the advice of the State Department, the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals today decided to pay no attention to the claims of the Maritime Canal Company, of Nicaragua, the New Jersey corporation, which claims to have purchased the route surveyed, and recommended by the Isthmian Canal Commission, and which insists that all franchises and concessions have been turned over to it by the Government of Nicaragua, and that all of the land involved has been devoted to it in consideration of a large sum in cash.

## Secretary Hay's Position.

Secretary Hay has reported to Senator Morgan, Chairman of the Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals, that the Government of Nicaragua has admitted selling the lands to this company, and granting franchises and concessions, but that the sale has been annulled and the franchises revoked since it has been made public that the Nicaragua route was the one selected.

The Maritime Canal Company has learned of the action of the Nicaragua authorities, and has protested to the State Department. Secretary Hay has decided not to consider the claims made by this corporation, but to regard the action of Nicaragua as official.

This, it is argued, will leave the Maritime Company without power to obstruct inter-oceanic canal legislation during the present Congress, and while the sudden change of front on the part of Nicaragua may be regarded as strange, it is not proposed to bring about any further complications and thus delay legislation.

## Status of the Case.

The present status of the case is about as follows:

The Eyre-Cragin syndicate secured certain concessions from Nicaragua.

The Maritime Canal Company followed the Eyre-Cragin people, securing the concessions and making an offer for certain lands.

The Maritime Canal Company was granted all the land lying between Lake Nicaragua and the Pacific Ocean. For this the sum of \$500,000 was to be paid within six months. The sum of \$100,000 was paid in cash to bind the agreement.

The six months have elapsed and the balance of \$400,000 has not yet been paid, according to the statements made by the Government of Nicaragua. This has annulled the purchase, according to the view taken.

The franchises have been forfeited on time limitation, as is held in documents forwarded to the State Department.

## No Actual Rights Held.

The documents held by the State Department from the Nicaraguan authorities state clearly that "no company possesses a single right of which the United States is bound to take notice."

On the other hand, the Maritime Company has entered a strong protest, backed by official documents in which the sworn statement is made that the corporation has acted in good faith with Nicaragua; has expended \$1,700,000 for lands and franchises; and that the decision of the Canal Commission to recommend the route held by the company brought about the action on the part of the Nicaraguan authorities.

It is recommended by the State Department and will probably be recommended by the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals that the Maritime Company be paid for the lands held. These lands, as stated by Nicaragua, have thus far cost the company \$100,000.

The company claims a much higher figure. A compromise may be had at a sum aggregating \$200,000. If the corporation does not accept this the lands will be condemned and a fair figure will be paid.

## Opposition to the Treaty.

It is claimed that the Government of Nicaragua will have to settle all other matters with the Maritime Company and that the United States is under no obligations to the corporation.

It is said that considerable opposition to the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty on the subject of the canal has arisen in the Senate and that debate on the question of approving the convention with Great Britain is likely to be prolonged. At least there is little prospect of a vote on ratification being reached this week as was hoped for by the supporters of the new compact. In some quarters it is stated that the discussion as to the various provisions of the treaty is not likely to end before the holiday recess.

Some of the leaders in the Senate are considerably concerned over the situation. They fear that the objections being raised may result in the addition of amendments, and that these may necessitate the return of the entire treaty to England, involving the reopening of negotiations.

The most dangerous point yet raised against the treaty has been made by Senator Culberson of Texas. It is declared in the preamble to the new treaty that the construction of the canal can proceed without impairing the general principle of neutralization established in article 8 of the Clayton-Bulwer Convention.

That article says that the United States and Great Britain desire to establish a general principle, and for that reason, "they hereby agree to extend their protection" to communication across the Isthmus.

The point is made by Senator Culberson that the revitalization of this part of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty makes Great Britain equally responsible with the United States for maintaining the neutrality of the canal.

The significance of this criticism is recognized by a number of Senators, and it is feared by the Republican managers that it may lead to the addition of an amendment which will be unacceptable to Great Britain, and result in further delay to the project for canal construction.

**CANAL BILL REPORTED.**  
Goes to the Senate With the Committee's Approval.

The Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals held a meeting this morning and ordered a favorable report on Senator Morgan's bill authorizing the President to conclude agreements with Costa Rica and Nicaragua for the full control of the territory upon which to construct the Nicaragua Canal, and appropriating such money as may be needed.

Senator Morgan was authorized to make a report to accompany the bill, both of which were submitted to the Senate today. The report includes the correspondence which passed between President Hutin, of the Panama Canal Company, and the Secretary of State after the former learned that the Isthmian Canal Commission favored the Nicaraguan route.

President Hutin objects to the assumption of the commission that he has offered to sell his canal property to the United States for \$109,000,000, and says that the only way in which the value of the property can be determined is by appraisal.

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## WAITING FOR VICTIM TO TALK.

Police Expect Clue From Mrs. Dennis.

## ASSAILANT STILL UNKNOWN.

Theory That a Woman Committed the Crime Strengthened.

## K STREET RESIDENCE MEASURED.

No Material Change in the Condition of the Injured Dressmaker. Friends Denied Privilege of Seeing Her.

Another day will undoubtedly pass into history without any light being thrown on the murderous assault made upon Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis at her home on K Street northwest, while she was asleep last Tuesday morning. This is a certainty so far as a further statement from the victim herself is concerned, as her condition today remained practically unchanged, in that she was unable to intelligently answer any question put to her.

Dr. Atkinson, accompanied by Detectives Horne and Hartigan, visited the hospital at 11 o'clock this morning. After leaving the bedside of the injured woman Dr. Atkinson reported that she was no better and no worse. He would not hold out any hope for her recovery.

## Friends at the Hospital.

Judge W. B. Fleming, accompanied by Silas Merchant and wife, were at the hospital when Dr. Atkinson arrived, and asked to see the patient. Their request, however, was denied, as the doctor thought that the injured woman's condition was such that an interview with friends, or even to realize their presence, might produce unfavorable symptoms, and this he wished to avoid.

## Mrs. Merchant's Aid Sought.

Mrs. Merchant, it is believed, can learn more from Mrs. Dennis as to the person who made the assault than anyone else, as the unfortunate woman made a confidante of her to a very great extent. As soon as her condition will admit of it, Mrs. Merchant will be called upon to question the patient on the points which it is hoped will establish a clue to the crime.

Richard Cole, the colored butler at the Dennis residence, also called at the hospital during the morning. He confided to Detective McNamee that he had heard from a woman named Ryan, who was formerly employed by Mrs. Dennis as a domestic, that Mrs. Dennis was dead. He did not remain at the hospital until the doctor and detectives came down, but departed without learning the condition of Mrs. Dennis.

## Believed to Be Woman's Work.

The theory that the murderous assault was committed by a woman is strengthened by the probability that if the top of the piano stool, which is believed to have been the weapon used, had been wielded by a man, the skill of the unfortunate dressmaker would have been crushed. Everything tends to point to the fact that the blows struck were glancing ones, and were evidently dealt by the assailant in the dark. This idea is strengthened by a deep dent in the top of the piano stool, which corresponds to a hole found on the side of the bed that Mrs. Dennis was lying upon when discovered.

A rational statement from the victim, in which it is expected she will name her assailant, is the brightest hope the police have of being able to solve the mystery connected with the crime. There is a question as to whether her statement that her assailant was a woman was rational or simply a remark made during her ravings while in a semi-conscious condition.

## How the Assailant Entered.

The police have practically satisfied themselves that there was no person in the room when Mrs. Dennis retired, and that entrance was effected later in some manner. The arrangement of the windows and doors in the house had been altered when the police arrived, and owing to the excitement of the case, the police handled them there is some uncertainty now as to whether or not there were not other means of securing entrance into the room than through the window which was found open. This phase of the matter is being investigated.

Major Sylvester and Captain Boardman were rather disappointed that Judge Fleming was not able to shed light on the case. It had been thought that he would know of some person who had at some time had trouble with the injured woman and that this might furnish a clue on which to work. Judge Fleming offered the officers every assistance in his power, but appeared to be as much in the dark regarding any possible motive for the crime as were the others.

## Measurements at the Residence.

Today measurements were taken at the Dennis residence, and a diagram of the scene of the assault carefully prepared, under the direction of several detectives. Another thorough search of the house will be made by the detectives before the police finally retire from the premises and surrender them undisturbed to their occupants.

The young man named Hird, who for a time occupied a room on the third floor of the house, and for whom the officers were looking because of a misunderstanding that it was reported he had with Mrs. Dennis, was located last night on Vermont Avenue northwest.

Some adverse comment has been indulged in because of the fact that the Bonine jurors were permitted to visit the K Street residence last night while out for the evening walk. They stopped in front of the residence and remained there for several minutes.